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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Office/Office of Personnel
FROM : Chief, Contract Personnel Division
SUBJECT : HR-7401

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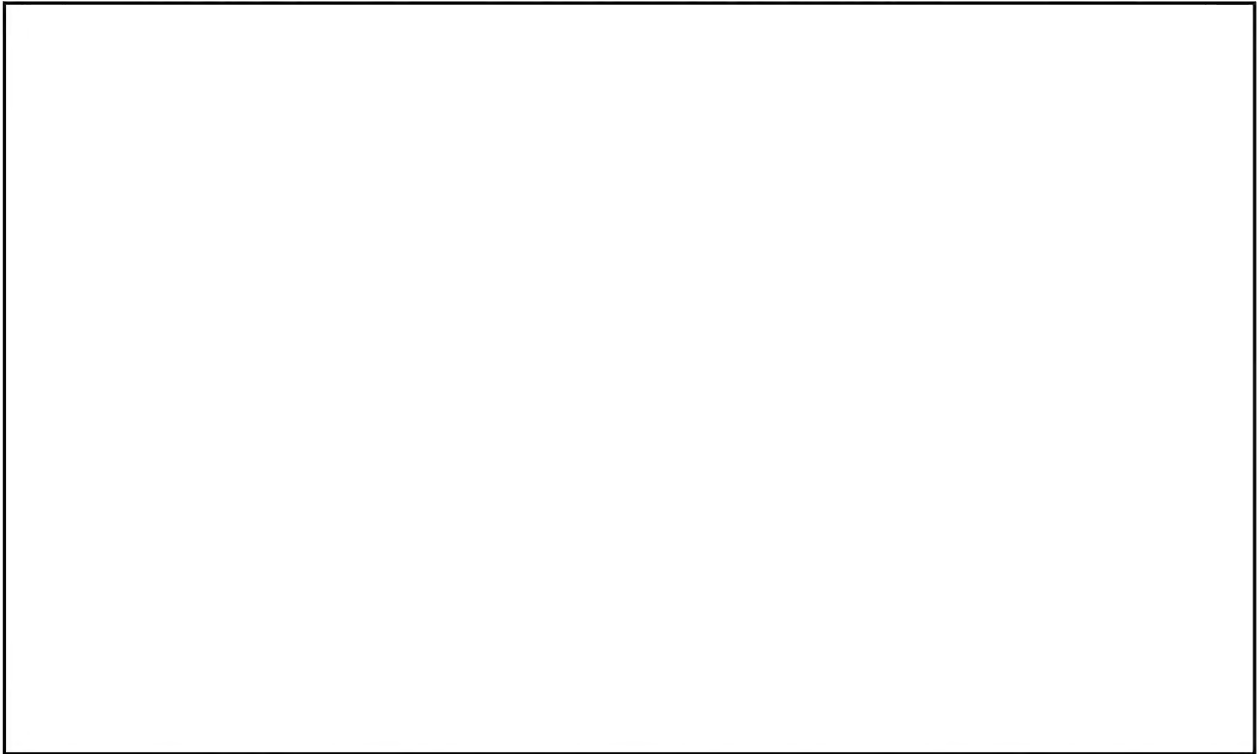
[] This piece of legislation was sent to OP for comment by []
[] OGC. I attempted to get background data on this bill from him
but he was unable to give me the political attitude or the administration's
stand. From what I can ascertain, this bill was placed in the Legislative
mill by Congressman Murray based on a survey conducted by the
Civil Service Commission. Apparently, after reviewing the survey,
John Macy of the Civil Service Commission asked Congressman Murray
to sponsor this bill. This bill seems somewhat of a paradox. The
survey conducted by C.S.C. is reported to show (1) it was cheaper to
live in the Virgin Islands than in Washington, D.C., (2) Puerto Rico
was the same or slightly higher and (3) while Hawaii was too high at
15% no substitute percentage was suggested. The survey showed Alaska
to be well deserving of the 25%; in fact, possibly more if it could legally
be done. If all this is true, it seems odd that the Commission would
ask Congressman Murray to do by legislation that which they have the
current authority to do (Part 591 Supplement 990-1). I have been
unable to obtain through Legislative Liaison or other sources an ex-
planation of this situation.

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Sections 3 and 4 of the bill are merely control mechanisms to
give Alaska some relief on hard-to-get categories of personnel.



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This bill will do in a complicated manner what the C.S.C. already has authority to do. Unless Legislative Liaison can obtain a political reason to the contrary, I feel we should submit a negative report on this bill.

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